

REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005. The application was filed with 32 claims. Claims 1-4 and 9-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Kumashio. Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 USC 103 in view of Kumashio over Huang, et al. In view of the forgoing comments, and the reasons set forth below, it is submitted that all claims, as clarified with subject amendments, are patentably distinct over the art of record in in condition for allowance thereover.

The Subject Application

By way of review, the subject application teaches a system that functions to integrate, largely seamlessly to a user's perspective, operation of an external document management system with a user interface associated with local file navigation system, such as one would be accustomed to by working in a Windows environment. This is accomplished even though the external document management system is accomplished via a browser-based interface. In a preferred embodiment, the system functions by interaction with an operating system registry so as to allow the external document management system to be represented by a folder on the operating system's native interface. Such operation may be restricted relative to specified access rights. With such operation, the system adds teachings that facilitate handling of document metadata associated with electronic documents managed by the document managements system. Such metadata is preserved and transferred during operations that occur within the purview of the document management system. Movement of documents from the external document management system to externally to the system, the metadata need not be transferred.

The Kumashio Patent

Kumashio is directed to an application that functions to allow for interchange of documents between multiple document managing systems. The system is directed to an integrating application, and does not teach how to integrate a document management system with an operating system interface. Nor does it teach how to integrate interchange of documents between a document management system and a operating system file system.

The Huang Patent

Huang, et al. is directed to a virtual desktop that allows remote access and control of digital devices. Access is via a graphical user interface relating to that associated with the remote device.

Claims 1-4 and 9-32 are in Condition for Allowance Under 35 U.S.C. 102 Over Kumashio.

Independent claims 1, 12, 18 and 27 have been amended in view of the forgoing to render more clear their patentability over Kumashio. The amendments include limitations wherein document management of a document management module is accomplished in an interface that is integrated with the interface and file management associated with a local file system of a client. This interface facilitates transfer of documents within a document management system, as well as between a local file system and the document management system, with a common user interface. As noted above, this functionality is neither taught, nor inferred, by any teaching of Kumashio, which is directed to transfer of documents between various document management systems. Accordingly, these claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance thereover.

Claims 2-11, 13-17, 19-26 and 28-32 provide further limitation to the subject matter of their respective parent claims. Accordingly, for the reasons noted above, these claims are also submitted to be in condition for allowance over Kumashio.

Claims 5-8 are in Condition for Allowance Under 35 USC 103 in view of Kumashio over Huang

Claims 5-8, which claims depend from claim 1, are patentable over the combination of Kumashio and Huang. The deficiencies of Kumashio, noted above, are not remedied by any additional teachings found in Huang, which patent is cited as showing use of security measures, such as user validation, when logging into a workstation. Huang is unconcerned with transfers of documents within a document management system or between a local file system and a document management system, while using the interface of the local system.

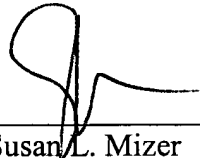
Accordingly, claims 5-8 are submitted to be in condition for allowance over the art of record.

Conclusion

In accordance with the discussions of the personal interview, and in light of the comments above, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. If there are any uncovered fees, or any overpayments, necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/14869.

Respectfully submitted,

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